



**United States Postal Service
Office of Inspector General
Attn: Human Resources
1735 N. Lynn Street, 10th Floor
Arlington, VA 22209-2020**

USPSOIG VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT #08-135

Grade: Journey Band FLSA: Exempt
Salary: \$31,751 - \$107,854 per annum
(Includes Locality Pay)
Position: One Location: Arlington, VA
Relocation Expenses Will Not Be Paid
Open: 08/28/08 Close: 09/29/08

*Career Ladder to GS-13 equivalent at management's discretion

Economist

The United States Postal Service Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Evaluations and Special Studies is seeking a highly qualified applicant to fill an Economist position located in Arlington, VA. The Evaluations and Special Studies team conducts research and analysis dealing with economic, business, and public policy issues pertaining to the US Postal Service. The candidate will help gather and analyze data, research public policy issues, conduct quantitative studies, prepare executive presentations, and write analytical reports pertaining to Postal Service economics and operations. The candidate needs to be able to work independently as well as within a small team in a fast-paced environment. The OIG mission is to provide reports to the Postal Service Executives, Governors and Congress to help the Postal Service maximize revenues (approximately \$70 billion a year), minimize costs, and prevent and detect fraud, waste, abuse and mismanagement.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Bachelor's degree in economics that included at least 21 semester hours in economics, and 3 semester hours in statistics, accounting, or calculus, from an accredited college or university or a combination of education and experience—courses equivalent to a major in economics plus appropriate experience or additional education
- A minimum of two years of related professional experience

EVALUATION FACTORS

- Knowledge of economics, particularly regulatory economics or applied microeconomics
- Ability to conduct research and provide analyses of regulatory, public policy, or business issues at both a conceptual and detailed level
- Quantitative skills for the purpose of determining systemic or procedural problems and developing findings and recommendations
- Ability to communicate the results of findings, both Orally and in writing

DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS

- An advanced degree or advanced studies in economics, public policy, business administration, mathematics, data analysis, or any other related discipline; or specialized experience working in a regulated industry
- Knowledge of innovative pricing techniques and work experience in a pricing function in the postal sector, private sector or other regulated industries

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- Ability to pass a physical examination, drug screening, and a background investigation
- Ability to obtain/maintain a government-issued credit card
- May require up to 10 percent travel

TO BE CONSIDERED, APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT

- Any **one** of the following forms: Resume, OF-612, SF-171, PS Form 2591, or PS Form 991
- Latest performance appraisal (within 15 months); must have received at least a contributor or satisfactory level of performance rating (if unable to provide, please provide reason on separate sheet of paper)
- A separate, written narrative that describes specific experience (knowledge, skills, and abilities) for each Evaluation Factor (limited to one page per factor)
- Attach a copy of transcript or list of college courses designating semester or quarter hours earned to ensure proper credit
- Evidence of Professional Certification(s) if applicable
- Applicants claiming Veteran's Preference must attach a copy of member 4 copy (only) of Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (Form DD214) or other proof of eligibility if claiming 10-point veteran's preference. Veterans must submit a copy of a letter dated within the last 12 months from the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Department of Defense certifying receipt of compensation for a service-connected disability of 30 percent or more.

NOTE

- **OPEN TO ALL SOURCES**
- **U.S. CITIZENSHIP REQUIRED**
- **APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING EMAIL ADDRESS: JOBS@USPSOIG.GOV OR MAILED TO: USPS-OIG, Human Resources, 1735 N. Lynn Street, 10th Floor, Arlington, VA 22209-2020**
- **MUST BE RECEIVED BY MIDNIGHT (EST) ON THE CLOSING DATE OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT**
- **APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT ADDRESS EACH OF THE EVALUATION FACTORS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements by the closing date of the announcement. **All submissions must include the vacancy announcement number**



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BASIS OF RATING

Candidates will be evaluated on the skills they possess that are directly related to the duties of the position and/or the experience, education and training, that indicates the applicant's ability to acquire the particular knowledge and skills needed to perform the duties of the position.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS

This agency provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities. If you require accommodations for any part of the application and/or hiring process, please call (703) 248-2210. The decision on granting an accommodation request will be made on a case-by-case basis.

WHY APPLY WITH THE POSTAL SERVICE OIG?

- **Flexible Work Schedules!**
- **Flexible Spending – Pre-Tax dollars for Child and Health Care!**
- **Locality Pay for Geographical Area Included!**
- **Pre-tax Dollars for Commuting!**
- **State of the Art Technology!**
- **Pay System that Rewards High Performers!**
- **Thrift Savings Plan with Matching Contributions up to 5%!**
- **Government-Backed Pension Plan!**
- **Ongoing Professional Development for every employee through Classroom/Virtual training, Seminars, Conferences and Tuition Reimbursement!**
- **Convenient Parking! Near Metro! (For Arlington, VA Location)**
- **On the Top 10 Corporations List in the U.S.!**
- **In the Top 50 Corporations for minorities and women!**

Job Line Number:
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